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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Estrada Garcia, et al. Examiner: Deborah K. Ware  
Serial No.: 10/501,697 Group Art Unit: 1651  
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For: METHOD OF STIMULATING  
GROWTH AND  
RESISTANCE TO DISEASES  
OF AQUATIC ORGANISMS

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In an office action dated June 27, 2007, the Examiner has imposed a Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121, to one of the following inventions:

- Group I: Claims 1-13, drawn to a method for treating fish, classified in class 119, subclass 200.
- Group II: Claims 14-15, drawn to a formulation composition, classified in class 424, subclass 134.1.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect the subject matter defined by the claims of Group I, Claims 1-13, without traverse.

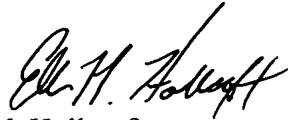
Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims of the non-elected group in a divisional application.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for further consideration and examination. If resolution of any remaining issues is required prior to examination of the

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application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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